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Human rights and the environment

Note by the Secretary-General

1. In its resolution 1995/23 of 24 August 1995, the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities requested the Commission on Human Rights to extend the time in which it asks the Secretary-General to report on opinions based on the Special Rapporteur's report until at least one session following its publication.
2. On 11 April 1996, the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-second session acknowledged the request by adopting resolution 1996/13 entitled "Human rights and the environment", in which it requested the Secretary-General to renew his request for the opinions of Governments, specialized agencies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and to submit a report to the Commission on Human Rights at its fifty-third session (para. 1).
